

Nalco Docket No. 7502 CO2
Customer No. 49459

REMARKS

Claims 47 to 50 are pending in this Application. Applicants have cancelled these claims and have added New Claims 51 to 54. No new matter has been added.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicants include herewith a Request for Continued Examination.

OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Office Action required Applicants to revise the Abstract because the as-filed Abstract did not mention a ferric chloride solution, as required by the pending claims. Applicants have revised the Abstract to include mention of a ferric chloride solution and other elements as required by the pending claims. This revision does not add new matter.

Therefore, Applicants assert that this objection has been overcome and respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

The Office Action objected to the disclosure because of the informality that the "cross-noting" section of the Specification needs to be updated. Applicants have updated the "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" section of the Specification.

Therefore, Applicants assert that this objection has been overcome and respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

The Office Action objected to the Amendment filed on February 22, 2006, under 35 U.S.C. § 132(a) because it introduced new matter into the disclosure by adding four paragraphs to the Specification at the bottom of 12 of the Specification. Applicants hereby cancel the addition of those four paragraphs.

Therefore, Applicants assert that this objection has been overcome and respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

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CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejected Claims 47 to 50 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶1, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants hereby cancel Claims 47 to 50.

Therefore, Applicants assert that this rejection is now moot and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected Claim 47 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶2, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. As noted above, Applicants hereby cancel Claim 47.

Therefore, Applicants assert that this rejection is now moot and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

NEW CLAIMS

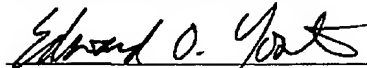
Applicants have added New Claims 51 to 54. The Specification provides support for New Claims 51 to 54 at least at page 5, lines 7 to 14; page 8, lines 10 to 18; and page 10, lines 1 to 17.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants assert that the pending claims in this application are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the Examiner send a Notice of Allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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